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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Though I don't live in a rural community I can see how they severely lack competition in the areas of broadband and telephone services.

Even in the city I live in, there isn't enough competition to keep prices for either broadband or telephone in check. It would be a big mistake to allow fewer large companies to control prices and service in this area.

Our principle need for broadband is to research and maintain our investments. Further, as we age we will need to procure more goods and services by way of a complement of internet and shipping services. We will see our ability to be mobile degenerate further as we age. Cost containment is paramount in this area and in a free enterprise country costs are contained through competition.

We look forward to fiber in our future but don't yet have it. We see competition as one of the controlling elements providing that fiber.

We don't expect to be able to refuse price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and phone services, but we can at least control them if there are sufficient number of competing providers. We hope that the FCC will consider this important point.

Thank you.

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